



# Fast Food Fax

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The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

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Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was fair to moderate. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were at least adequate to available. Wings were readily available and slow to clear. Most dark meat cuts were generally sufficient for current needs. Weights were mixed but mostly desirable.

## Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: 16-FEB-2008

Weight Range	4.25 & Down	4.26-6.25	6.26-7.75	7.76 & Up	Total
Total (000)	42,681	75,855	25,987	19,225	163,748
WT Avg Live Wgt	3.70	5.39	6.40	8.59	5.57
Percentage of total	26%	46%	16%	12%	100 %

### Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

Live Weights	RTC WOG Weights	No. of Head (000)	Percentage of Total Slaughter
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	7,749	4.73
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	7,967	4.87
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	10,600	6.47
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 15 oz.	16,365	9.99
		42,681	26.06

### BROILER EGG SET CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

Slaughter Week	Egg Sets		Chicks Placed		Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous		Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous		Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered	
	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%**
Dec 22	<b>218,631</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>179,279</b>	<b>103</b>	208,731	103	171,736	104	<b>174,400</b>	<b>104</b>
Dec 29	<b>219,528</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>176,434</b>	<b>105</b>	202,935	103	167,202	104	<b>123,442</b>	<b>71</b>
Jan 05	<b>215,665</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>178,590</b>	<b>103</b>	202,112	105	164,694	105	<b>136,027</b>	<b>110</b>
Jan 12	<b>216,449</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>179,257</b>	<b>105</b>	206,241	104	168,999	104	<b>168,128</b>	<b>124</b>
Jan 19	<b>217,393</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>179,768</b>	<b>104</b>	217,441	105	177,932	106	<b>168,551</b>	<b>100</b>
Jan 26	<b>218,132</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>178,806</b>	<b>104</b>	216,134	102	176,696	103	<b>159,983</b>	<b>95</b>
Feb 02	<b>219,038</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>176,282</b>	<b>103</b>	219,800	104	179,506	104	<b>166,096</b>	<b>104</b>
Feb 09	<b>212,295</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>176,724</b>	<b>103</b>	222,116	104	180,139	104	<b>165,446</b>	<b>100</b>
Feb 16	<b>218,031</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>177,841</b>	<b>104</b>	214,621	104	176,021	104	<b>163,748</b>	<b>99</b>

Data in bold are subject to revision \*Percent of previous year \*\*Percent change from previous week

### Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)

#### Week of 02/25/08

	Majority	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	77-80	78.65	80.10	78.00
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	75-78	77.11	78.84	75.61
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	87	86.62	85.95	82.30
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		80.78	80.95	80.01
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 79.75)		78.30	77.86	74.03
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.		55.17	56.06	67.13

### Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)

#### Weekly Weighted Average

	Northeast (Delivered) 02/22/08	Southern States (FOB) 02/22/08	Georgia (FOB) 02/25/08
Breast - B/S	149.12	138.61	149.00
Tenderloins	141.17	146.27	172.50 (Line run)
Breast - Line Run	82.38	85.13	83.00 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	43.98	40.22	43.00
Wings	119.28	123.53	126.00